



# COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Divisional, Continuation or C-I-P Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

## METHODS TO IDENTIFY SIGNAL SEQUENCES

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ national stage of
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

the specification of which: *(complete (a), (b), or (c))*

(a) ☐ is attached hereto.

(b) ☒ was filed on October 31, 2001 as Application Serial No. 10/002,631 and was amended on *(if applicable)*.

(c) ☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. on and was amended on *(if applicable)*.

### Acknowledgement of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98.

### Priority Claim

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International Application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed

*(complete (d) or (e))*

(d) ☒ no such applications have been filed.

(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)
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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO SAID APPLICATION			
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### Claim for Benefit of Prior U.S. Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date
60/300,309	June 21, 2001

### Claim for Benefit of Earlier U.S./PCT Application(s) under 35 U.S.C. 120

*(complete this part only if this is a divisional, continuation or C-I-P application)*

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(Application Serial No.)

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(Filing Date)

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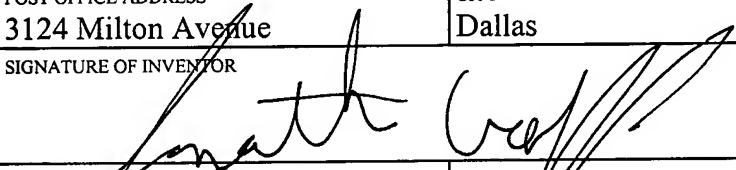
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PATENT APPLICATION

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**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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Sir:

We, Jonathan M. Graff, Matthew Muenster and Deborah Allan hereby declare that, to the extent of our awareness at the time and to the best of our recollection at present, the following are truly stated facts:

On June 21, 2001, Provisional Application Serial No. 60/300,309 was filed to which the above-referenced patent application claims priority. The provisional application included claims

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for which Deborah Allan made an inventive contribution. When the above-reference non-provisional application was filed on October 30, 2001, the claims in the provisional for which Deborah Allan made an inventive contribution were deleted and the only remaining claims were those for which Jonathan M. Graff and Matthew Muenster made an inventive contribution. However, Deborah Allan's name was inadvertently included as an inventor when the application was filed.

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**CONSENT OF THE ASSIGNEE**

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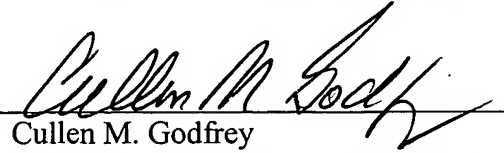
Sir:

The undersigned, assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified patent application, hereby consents to the deletion of Deborah Allan as a named co-

inventors in the above-identified patent application, leaving Jonathan M. Graff and Matthew Muenster as co-inventors.

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Date: March 20, 2002